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State Closes Registration Moose Hunt in Western Unit 22B

The Alaska Department of Fish and Game announces an emergency order closure of the State Registration moose hunt in western Unit 22B by permit RM840 at 11:59 p.m. September 13, 2004.

The department set a harvest quota of 23 bulls for the registration permit hunt in western Unit 22B. Current reported harvest from this portion of Unit 22B is 20 bull moose and harvest is expected to reach 23 bulls by the season closing date announced in this emergency order.

Moose censuses of western Unit 22B have shown a 64% decline in the moose population since 1987 and recruitment rates have been below 10% for more than 10 years. To help stabilize this population, the Alaska Board of Game established fall and winter registration permit hunts and the department set a combined quota of 30 bull moose. This prevents harvest from exceeding estimated annual recruitment in western Unit 22B.

A winter registration permit hunt for moose in western Unit 22B will be announced in January with a harvest quota of 7 bulls

The moose registration hunt in the Kuzitrin drainage in Unit 22D was closed on September 10. However, the registration permit hunts in Unit 22D Southwest and Unit 22C will remain open through September 14.

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